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STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF ELBERT)

At, or prior to, a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Elbert County, State of Colorado, held at the Elbert County Administrative Building in Kiowa, Colorado 80107 on Wednesday, the 16th day of June 2021, there were present:

Chris Richardson
Rick Pettitt
County Commissioner, Chairman
County Commissioner
County Commissioner
County Commissioner
County Commissioner
Deputy Clerk to the Board

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

RESOLUTION 21-23

RATIFICATION OF INPUT TO THE STATE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION CONCERNING URGING THE DRAWING OF TWO RURAL DISTRICTS IN COLORADO

WHEREAS, Amendment Y established a requirement a that every ten years the State of Colorado redraw all of the congressional districts to equalize population between them; and

WHEREAS, Colorado will be allocated an eighth congressional district through the reapportionment process; and

WHEREAS, rural Colorado has unique interests that are sometimes contrary to the interests of Front Range communities; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Plains, including Elbert County, and Southern Colorado is an easily defined community of interest; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a primary driver of the economy in the rural counties of the Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, energy production, including solar, wind, and petroleum extraction, is a primary driver of the economy in many Eastern Plains and Southern counties; and

WHEREAS, both agriculture and energy are historically considered a community of interest; and

WHEREAS, rural Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado communities' water interests sustaining agriculture are often counter to the water interests of front range and metro-Denver communities; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Plains and Southern Colorado rural communities have unique infrastructure needs, including utilities, public transportation, and telecommunications, and;